



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Clark County Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes April 27, 2005

Board Members: Judi Borchers, Bob Fizzell, Samara Gilroy-Hicks, Randall Kleinhesselink, Kristin Murphy, Tom Stallone, Quan Tran, Deb

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Members Present: Judi Borchers, Randall Kleinhesselink, David Weniger, Tom Stallone, Bob Fizzell, Samara Gilroy-Hicks, Jim Rogers

Staff Present: Midge Burmaster, Sela Barker, Karyl Ramsey, Jerry Dolezal, and Connie Mom-Chhing

Members Excused: Quan Tran, Deb Wallace

Members Absent: Kristin Murphy

Guests: Carol Gross (Mental Health Northwest), Pat Beckett (Children's Center), John Furze (Children's Home Society), Cheryl Ayers

(Family Solutions), Donna Roberts (CVAB), Gregory Robinson (Columbia River Mental Health Services), Rick Gordon

(ProtoCall), Toni Eby (SAAB)

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION LEADERS	DECISIONS, ACTIONS, MOTIONS, ASSIGNMENTS
I. Meeting Minutes Approval	The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by David Weniger, Chair.		Minutes from the March 30 meeting were approved as written.
II. A. Manager's Report	Midge thanked those who attended the city and county proclamations for "Mental Health Awareness Month". A press release will be distributed to local media announcing several community events that will take place during the month of May.	Midge Burmaster	
	A summary of the state Mental Health Operating Budget was distributed. \$500,000 has been budgeted for the E & T facility in Clark County and one in Spokane. School-based program funding has been retained and \$80 million in additional state dollars to replace the federal cuts has also been included in the budget. Complete budget information will be available for the May MHAB worksession.		
	All RSN's will be required to respond to an RFQ in order to stay in business. The RFQ is scheduled to be released no later than October 1, 2005. If an RSN passes the RFQ		

	process, it will be offered a contract. If an RSN does not pass the RFQ process, it will then has to compete in the RFP process scheduled to be released around March 1, 2006. The RFP process will be open to anyone. CMS has completed their review of the Mental Health Division. A report should be available soon. Oversight of the RSNs, Quality Strategy Plan, and the Notice of Action requirement were areas identified for corrective action.		
II. B. Quality Manager's Report	A summary of denials for January through March 2005 was reviewed. 28 people were denied services, 29% were adults and 71% were children. The Mental Health Division identified two items needing corrective action as a result of the EQRO site visit. The CCRSN's corrective action plan was distributed to the board for review. The plan should be completed by May, 2005. Karyl invited the board to participate in a law enforcement "ride-along". Call Don Polen with the Clark County Sheriff's Office (397-2211) or George Delgado with the Vancouver Police Dept. (696-8292) to schedule.	Sela Barker and Karyl Ramsey	
II. C. Data Report	Jerry reviewed the March Provider Performance Reports. Board members received a copy of the report in the mail to review prior to the meeting.	Jerry Dolezal	
III. Center for Community Health Update	The Center for Community Health is targeted for completion in January, 2006. It will cost an estimated of \$38 million to complete construction. It will house the Clark County Health Department, Clark County Dept. of Community Services, Mental Health Northwest, Northwest Recovery Center, Pacific Crest Consortium, Clark County Council on Alcohol and Drugs, a specialty court room, 92 bed residential treatment recovery house and detox facility, and a 16-bed combined co-occurring mental health and substance abuse evaluation and treatment. All 108 beds will be located on the first floor. The U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, and Community Services and Health Department Administration will be located on the top (4 th floor). Funding for the building includes proceeds from the sale of the current Health District property, Mental Health funds, \$400,000 through a recent federal appropriation, \$3 million in DHS state capital funds. A request from Congress for \$5 million is pending. The balance not covered with funds upfront will be collected from those leasing space in the building.	Michael Piper	
IV. CVAB Presentation	Donna distributed a 2004/05 report on consumers served at the drop-in center and the Warm Line. The report also summarized support groups, speakers, trainings, and other activities that have occurred during this time period. In May CVAB will be participating in a resource fair and the Annual NAMI Walk to increase exposure. A survey is conducted two times per year to assist in planning activities and identifying resources.	Donna Roberts	

V. MHAB Work Session	The June MHAB meeting is canceled so that the board can hold a worksession during this time. The board will review budgets and make recommendations on funding allocations.	David Weniger	
VI. MHAB Sub- Committee Reports	Quality Review Team – The final report on Older Adult Services was distributed for the board to review. The Quality Review Team (QRT) became aware that the penetration rate for mental health services for Medicaid eligible older adults was approximately 4%, well below the target of 10%. The QRT interviewed older adult caregivers and agencies to gain an understanding of the awareness of mental health services. With support from the MHAB, recommendations from the report will be forwarded to the Quality Management Committee to address.	Bob Fizzell	The Mental Health Advisory Board
	Turnout for the QRT Speak Out was less than we had hoped. A summary of results will be provided next month. The QRT will discuss alternative locations for conducting future speak-outs. One possibility is going to the residential facilities. Holding the Speak Out at the Luepke Center and/or advertising in the Senior Messenger was suggested.		
	Cultural Competency Committee – A guideline is being developed for clinicians to follow in gathering cultural background information in preparation for working with the Mental Health Specialist. The RSN is sponsoring a Cultural Competency Training on June 16 for mental health clinicians, care managers, administrators, board members, counselors and other social services staff. There is no cost for the training.	Bob Fizzell	
	Substance Abuse Advisory Board – The SAAB held a work session that included a COMET presentation. They are interested in working with the MHAB on a collaborative project. They are waiting for more information on the specifics of the project.	Sam Hicks	
VII. Public Input	Gregory Robinson, Executive Director, Columbia River Mental Health Services, commented on the successful efforts of providers advocacy and legislatures in passing the bill for \$82 million back-fill.		
VIII. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m		